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FM AMEMBASSY RANGOON  
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INFO AMEMBASSY TOKYO

C O N F I D E N T I A L RANGOON 0748

E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EAID BM JA CH UR

SUBJECT: GUB AID REQUEST FROM TOKYO

REF: RANGOON 569

1. IN WAKE OF PLANNING AND FINANCE MINISTER U LWIN' S VISIT TO JAPAN ( MARCH 9 - 21) IN QUEST OF FURTHER JAPANESE ECONOMIC ASSIST-  
ANCE ( REFTEL), JAPANESE EMBASSY RANGOON HAS RECEIVED REQUEST FROM TOKYO FOR MORE INFORMATION ON GUB ECONOMY. ACCORDING TO JAPANESE AMBASSADOR SUZUKI ON BASIS OF DATA PRESENTED BY U LWIN GOJ QUES-  
TIONS WHETHER \$25 MILLION COMMODITY LOAN WOULD BE ADEQUATE TO BURMA' S NEEDS. IN THIS CONNECTION SUZUKI REVEALED THAT U LWIN HAD TOLD HIM BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE FOR TOKYO THAT AS OF END OF JANUARY THIS YEAR TOTAL BURMESE FOREIGN EXCHANGE RESERVES STOOD AT ONLY \$28 MILLION.

2. PRESENT JAPANESE COMMODITY LOAN OF \$15 MILLION DUE TO RUN UNTIL JUNE 30 HAS BEEN 99 PERCENT USED UP AND TARGET DATE FOR SIGNING OF NEW LOAN IS JULY. HOWEVER BECAUSE OF POOR BURMESE ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE JAPANESE ARE BECOMING CONCERNED AS TO GUB' S ABILITY TO REPAY GOJ AID LOANS. COMPREHENSIVE STUDY OF WHOLE QUESTION IS TO BE CONDUCTED IN TOKYO.

3. COMMENT: WHILE THERE SEEMS LITTLE DOUBT THAT JAPAN WILL CONTINUE SUBSTANTIAL AID TO BURMA, IN FUTURE GOJ MAY BE FORCED FOR ITS OWN PROTECTION TO USE LEVERAGE OF INCREASING BURMESE  
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ECONOMIC DEPENDENCE ON JAPAN TO INFLUENCE DIRECTION OF GUB' S  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT POLICY.  
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